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Occupation: Attorney

Areas of Specialization: Accounting, bankruptcy, commercial, mediation, real estate & workouts

Education: A.B., University of San Francisco, 1968; J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law, 1971

ADR Training: Certificate of Study, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University, 2006. 40 hours Mediation and Early Neutral Case Evaluation Training.

Advocate Location(s): [Oakland](#), [San Francisco](#), [San Jose](#), [Santa Rosa](#)

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Areas of Specialization: Attorney specializing in representation of bankruptcy trustees

Education: A.B., University of California - Berkeley, 1973; J.D., Hastings College of Law, 1986

ADR Training: U.S. Bankruptcy Court Training (Steven Rosenberg of Steven Rosenberg Mediation) - 18 hours

ADR Style: I have a flexible approach that depends on the nature of the dispute and the personalities of the parties and their attorneys. My primary requirement of parties in a mediation is a real willingness to compromise positions in order to get a compromise accomplished.

Advocate Location(s): [Oakland](#), [San Francisco](#), [San Jose](#), [Santa Rosa](#)

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Occupation: Mediator

Areas of Specialization: Business, Banking and Securities

Education: B.A., University of California - Santa Cruz, 1976; J.D., Hastings College of Law - 1981

ADR Training: 37 Years of experience as professional mediator. Office of Environmental Mediation - 180 hours; Center for Mediation in Law (Friedman) - hours; ADRA (Yeend) - 20 hours.

ADR Style: Although I have experience in all models, most often I use a hybrid model of the evaluative and facilitative processes.

Advocate Location(s): [Oakland](#), [San Francisco](#)

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Occupation: Attorney/mediator

Areas of Specialization: Bankruptcy, commercial litigation, intellectual property

Education: B.A., Cornell University, 1979; J.D., Yale Law School, 1983

ADR Training: Mediation Training (Rosenberg) - 40 hrs.

ADR Style: Caucus, collaborative, facilitative, and if appropriate, evaluative

Advocate Location(s): [Oakland](#), [San Francisco](#), [San Jose](#), [*\(San Jose, Salinas & Monterey\)](#), [Santa Rosa](#)

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ADR Training: Commercial Mediation Skills Training - (Ellen Barker & Teresa Carey) - 40 hours

ADR Style: "Generally evaluative with canvassing as appropriate unless needs of parties suggest other styles."

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Occupation: Attorney

Education: J.D., San Francisco Law School, 1987

ADR Training: U.S. Bankruptcy Court Training (Yeend) - 6 hrs., (Rosenberg) - 18 hrs.

ADR Style: "No set approach as it often varies depending upon the parties and type of case

Advocate Location(s): [Oakland](#), [San Francisco](#), [Santa Rosa](#)

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Education: B.A., Simpson College, IA, 1983; J.D., Berkeley Law, 1986

ADR Training: Steven Rosenberg (18 hours)

ADR Style: Shuttle diplomacy

Advocate Location(s): [Santa Rosa](#)

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Occupation: Attorney

Areas of Specialization: Bankruptcy

Education: J.D., Empire Law School, 1977

ADR Training: J.A.M.S - 8 hours; U.S. Bankruptcy Court Training (Yeend) - 6 hours; (Rosenberg) - 18 hours.

ADR Style: "The initial caucus and then separation with directive and collaborative efforts."

Advocate Location(s): [San Francisco](#), [Santa Rosa](#), [***\(Santa Rosa & Eureka\)](#)

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Areas of Specialization: Litigation

Education: B.A. 1977; J.D., California Western Law School, 1982

ADR Training: 40 hours Mediation Training, Steven Rosenberg; 100 plus hours of actual mediation from court panels.

ADR Style: It depends.

Advocate Location(s): [Oakland](#), [San Francisco](#)

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Education: B.A., American University, School of International Service, 1972; J.D., Golden Gate School of Law, 1981

ADR Training: CLE through Bar Association of San Francisco and State Bar of California and California Community Dispute Services, BDRP, SF Community Dispute Resolution Program.

ADR Style: I utilize a combination of approaches, depending upon the case and the parties involved.

Advocate Location(s): [Oakland](#), [San Francisco](#)

Spoken Languages: Spanish

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